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AGATT FOR SECRETARY BUTZ

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (BUTZ, EARL)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ

REF: CAIRO 8811

1. I CALLED ON ACTING MINAG BEDRAN TODAY TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT. HE CONFIRMED THAT DRAFT SCHEDULE IS AGREEABLE TO HIM. HE EXPECTS TO HAVE A LARGE DELEGATION OF MINAG AND LAND RECLAMATION OFFICIALS PRESENT ON THE MORNING OF NOV 10 IN ORDER TO GIVE SECRETARY BUTZ BACKGROUND ON THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION AND NEEDS OF EGYPT. I EMPHASIZED TO BEDRAN THAT THE SECRETARY WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE SUBSTANTIVE AGRICULTURAL COMMITMENTS, WHICH ARE PROPERLY WITHIN THE SPHERE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (STATE 234109). I TOLD HIM I WAS SURE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE INTERESTED IN HEARING OF EGYPT'S AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. BEDRAN SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON IN PRINCIPLE. SECRETARY BUTZ SHOULD KNOW, HOWEVER, THE THE PRESIDENT IS IN BED WITH A SEVERE

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COLD. A MEETING ON THE MORNING OF MONDAY, NOV 11, MUST THERE-

FORE DEPEND ENTIRELY UPON THE STATE OF HIS HEALTH AT THAT TIME.

3. WE ARE SENDING BY SEPTTEL A REVISED DETAIL ADMINISTRATIVE
SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING
HIM HERE.
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